

RFP 663-02-003, Amendment one
Clarifications

Question: In section C.3.4.2, the RFP suggests that offerors bid “about \$400” for Cluster Resource Center (CRC) supplies but the cost of the items listed under the illustrative list would appear to exceed \$400. Please clarify.

Answer: The list is illustrative only. You may change the items as you deem it appropriate. Please budget assuming a ceiling of \$400 per CRC.

Question: Please clarify if the Mission prefers to see an integrated five year proposal presented as phases 1 and 2 or if the Mission would prefer to see two stand alone proposals for separate phases.

Answer: An integrated five year proposal subdivided into phase 1 and phase 2 shall be submitted.

Question: H.7.(d) regarding salary increases to contractor staff should be deleted in its entirety as it contradicts the basic stipulation in AIDAR 752.7007 and H.7.(a) and H.7.(f) of the RFP which require that contractors adhere to their established personnel policies that govern pay scale/classification etc.

Answer: H.7.(d) is deleted in its entirety. Compensation to Cooperating Country Nationals shall be in accordance with the Mission’s local compensation plan unless approved otherwise by the Contracting officer. The local compensation plan is available on www.mulumedia.com/rhpp

In section h.7.(f), please delete the “2087” and replace with “2080”.

Question: Please confirm that contract funds may be used to purchase and operate vehicles that are appropriate for the roads/terrain/climate in Ethiopia for the use of contractor staff and that day to day management of these vehicles will rest with the successful bidder.

Answer: Vehicles to be purchased with contract funds shall meet the source origin requirements in CFR 208 and ADS 312. Deviations to this requirement shall be dealt with case by case. Day to day management of the vehicles will rest with the contractor until completion of the contract. All vehicles must be either specifically approved in the contract or on a case by case basis.

Question: Could you provide more information regarding Capacity Building of the MOE and REBs to manage direct financial support?.

Answer : Component 7, Capacity Building of the MOE and REBs to manage direct financial support, deals with increasing the capacity of these offices to properly plan their budget in relation to activity plans; disburse resources, monitor and account their financial flow as well as provide timely financial expenditure reports to funding agencies and the government.